

# CCTV CAMERA INSTALLATIONS

Dear Resident,

After many false dawns we now have 3 CCTV cameras in place to help protect us: 1 at the junction of Warren Road and Kingston Hill, another at the junction of George Rd with Kingston Hill and the third at the entrance of Coombe Lane West and Warren Rd by the gateman's hut. All these cameras can provide pictures by night as well as daytime.

The cameras are linked to a central monitoring site at RBK but are not watched in real time. If an incident occurs which needs investigation, be it a pedestrian assault or break in to a home for example, the exact date, time and place will need to be noted and handed to the police in order to be able to replay the relevant section and get car number plates, identify cyclists or pedestrians etc.

Unfortunately there has been a lot of crime on Coombe Hill in recent months as outlined here:

	<b>For 11/19</b>	<b>12/19</b>
<b>Violence and sexual offences</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Theft from person</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Vehicle crime</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

We hope that these expensive additions to our security will help to deter criminals as well as catch those who do offend.

Signs will go up in due course, but getting things done through the council has proved extremely difficult and time consuming. However, as always, our councillor Rowena Bass has been very helpful in trying to move things forward. A big thank you to her.

## UPDATE FROM POLICE

*Many of the above crimes have occurred by using Coombe Wood or Coombe Hill golf courses as a point of access.*

*Houses are being targeted by gangs operating in groups of 3 or 4. They are described as South American and typically will park within the estate and observe potential targets before marking the fence posts with either an ultraviolet pen or a splash of orange paint.*

*Police advice, if you do see anyone acting suspiciously by walking across the golf course without golf clubs late in the day, looking at properties in roads adjacent to the courses, marking or attempting to mark driveway posts or fence posts at properties in and around the estate, is to call 999 immediately.*

*Over the coming weeks there will be a greater police presence within the estate that will include uniformed and plain clothed officers and marked police vehicles on the estate roads and in the golf clubs' car parks.*

Best wishes

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